

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



**Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)
Strategic Planning Committee Notes**

Tuesday, Aug 24, 2021
2:30 to 4:00 p.m. by Webex

Kimberly	Waller	ICH
Kelly	Sweeney McShane	Community of Hope, Co-Chair
Tania	Mortensen	DHS
Christy	Respress	Pathways to Housing
Eileen	Rosa	The Community Partnership
Jamey	Burden	Community of Hope
Jennifer	Olney	Community Foundation
Jesse	Rabinowitz	Miriam's Kitchen
June	Crenshaw	Wanda Alson Foundation
Karen	Cunningham	Everyone Home DC
Kate	Coventry	DCFPI
Kelly	Andreae	Georgetown Ministry Center
Kevin	Craver	Community Partnership
Kim	Glover	
Kris	Thompson	Calvary Women's Services
Madeleine	Solan	
Melissa	Millar	community of Hope
Michael	Farrell	Coalition for the Homeless
Nechama	Masliansky	SOME
Reginald	Black	Street Sense
Russell	Gardiner	HCSEMA
Sarah		
Seema	Sandhu	DC Advocates
Shenandoah	Gale	N Street Village
Stuart	Allen	
Tom	Fredericksen	TCP
Theresa	Silla	ICH
Wes	Heppler	WLC
Zelalem	Zemichael	

- Welcome – Kelly Sweeney McShane welcomed the committee and provided an overview of the agenda. She also shared that Tania Mortensen has taken a different role at DHS and so Rachel Pierre will be the new government Co-Chair for the committee. Kelly thanked Tania for her leadership.
- Updates/Announcements:
 - FY22 Budget – Tania Mortensen from the Department of Human Services did a high level review of the additional resources coming, especially for single adults, in FY 2022.
 - 801 East Solicitation – Tania also shared that a Solicitation has been released for services at the 801 East men’s facility. The grant is to cover a provider responsible for delivering programming. Operations are currently covered by the Community Partnership and Catholic Charities. Proposals are due 9/27 by 5 p.m. The site expected to open doors for residents at the beginning of January 2022.
- Discussion Items
 - Capacity Building – Theresa Silla then shared that ICH and DHS are doing focus groups with providers to discuss the topic of capacity building amongst providers. Theresa asked the committee to provide feedback on whether and how to best do focus groups. The committee generally liked the ideas of focus groups and had recommendations to share with ICH and DHS as they are thinking about increasing capacity quickly.
 - FY22 Priorities – Kimberly Waller then reviewed the proposed priorities for both the Strategic Planning Committee and the various work groups.
- Partner Updates/Announcements
 - Kelly provided an overview of the DC Calling All Sectors Initiative, focusing on people who are pregnant and experiencing homelessness. She said that a survey is coming to providers shortly and asked them to fill it out to gather baseline data on the number of people who are pregnant and experiencing homelessness, and what special services are provided. There will also be focus groups with clients, as well as a presentation by Community of Hope on their programs at the Mayor’s Maternal and Infant Health Summit.
 - Tania Mortensen shared that DHS is hiring and posted a link.
 - Tom Fredericksen stated that the Notice of Funding from HUD has come out, and there will be some funds for new programs. More information will be coming out.
 - Nechama Masliansky shared that SOME will be working with students and nonprofits to research Covid hesitancy and encouraged any who were interested to let her know.
- The next meeting date: 9/28 from 2:30 – 4 pm.